United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service Poultry Market News





DEC 22, 2003

Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand ranged seasonally light to moderate best where promotions were planned. Breast items were available and slow in clearing. Dark meat items were adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Weights were

mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Dec. 06, 2003

FOOD SERVICE/

	FAST FOOD	<u>RETAIL</u>	DEBONING	<u> 101AL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	
Total (000)	22,550	30,305	43,864	96,719
Percentage	23%	31%	45%	99%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,678	3.80
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,139	7.38
3.81 - 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	3,647	3.77
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	<u>8,086</u>	<u>8.36</u>
		22.550	23 31

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

					Eggs Set		Chicks Plac	ed P	relim. Fed. In	sp.	
Slaughter	Egg		Chicks		10 Weeks		7 Weeks		Million head		
Week	Sets		Placed		Previous		Previous		Slaughtered		
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**	
Oct 18	190,198	102	160,184	103	206,561	101	168,661	101	157,115	101	
Oct 25	190,408	105	158,628	101	205,286	100	167,590	100	159,099	101	
Nov 01	192,529	101	159,856	103	205,824	101	169,019	102	157,750	99	
Nov 08	199,335	101	153,307	101	203,034	100	165,164	100	158,112	100	
Nov 15	203,470	102	156,301	106	200,658	99	163,123	99	157,078	99	
Nov 22	203,078	101	156,686	101	194,994	102	159,201	102	151,254	96	
Nov 29	207,122	102	164,879	102	193,272	102	157,538	102	118,334	78	
Dec 06	202,883	101	167,042	103	195,796	102	160,277	103	154,912	131	
Dec 13	206,418	102	166,780	102	194,961	101	158,893	101	153,501	99	

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 12/22/03				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	59- 62	60.91	61.36	52.29
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	56– 59	58.67	59.22	48.49
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	74	72.04	72.35	65.94
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		65.73	65.77	57.12
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock	67.81	67.67	60.81	
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day A	Avg.	52.64	51.83	39.82

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast	Southern States	Georgia
Weekly Weighted Average	(Delivered)	(FOB)	(FOB)
	12/19/03	12/19/03	12/22/03
Breast – B/S	147.55	135.64	169.00
Tenderloins	143.55	156.63	199.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	75.67	82.56	89.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	29.72	26.17	31.00
Wings	99.13	101.98	103.50